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Minutes
Sex Offender Policy Board
Office of the Attorney General
800-5th Ave 20th floor
August 12, 2008

ROLL CALL Members Present:

Anmarie Aylward
Bev Emery
Maureen Saylor
Sheriff Mark Brown
Brooke Burbank
Jeri Costa
Andrew E. Neiditz
Brad Meryhew
Dr. Henry Richards
Kecia Rongen
Russ Hauge
Mary Ellen Stone
Ida Ballasiotes
Hon. Dean Lum

Members Absent

John Koster
Andrea Piper

Staff Present

Jean Soliz-Conklin
Andi May
Stevie Peterson
Keri-Anne Jetzer

Others Present:

Joanne Arlow, Policy Director, Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC); Shani Bauer, Senate Committee Services; Susan B. Dohrmann, USAO-WDWA; Joe Hawe, US Marshal Western Washington; Lonnie Johns-Brown, Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Mike Kline, US Marshal Eastern Washington; John Lane, Executive Policy, Office of the Governor; Roxanne Lieb, Washington State Institute for Public Policy; Stephanie Lister, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Washington; Sara McCulloch, King County Prosecutors Office; Lindsey Palmer, King County Sexual Assault Resource Line; Amy Pearson, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy; Jamila Thomas-Roberts, House Democratic Caucus; Bernard Ryan, Counsel Senate Democratic Caucus;

1. Call to Order

Chairman Russ Hauge called the meeting to order at

2. Introductions

Members, staff and public attendees introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2008 and July 7, 2008

This item was postponed until after the presentation from the U.S. Marshall's Office, to accommodate presenters' schedules.

4. Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (See Exhibit A).

The Board heard a presentation on federal legislation requiring states to conform to certain sex offender registration and notification requirements in order to be eligible for full Byrne law enforcement assistance grants. Presenters were Stephanie J. Lister, Asst. U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Washington and Sara McCulloch, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County. U.S. Marshall Joe Hauge introduced the panel.

5. 2008 Legislation (2SHB 2714) requiring SOPB Recommendations on Sex Offender Registration and Notification (See Exhibit B).

Jean Soliz-Conklin briefed the Board on 2008 legislation requiring the Board to review juvenile sex offender registration and notification requirements and report to the legislature by November 1, 2009.

The Board discussed the fact that the Board may or may not take a position on implementation of the Adam Walsh Act, but that the Board needed to at least give the legislature an impact analysis, including fiscal impact. Members voiced a consensus that the SHB 2714 directive and the Adam Walsh Act issues are complimentary, and compatible for review by one subcommittee. They also agreed that non-members could participate in subcommittees to expand the expertise.

Russ Hauge appointed a Sex Offender Registration and Notification Subcommittee as follows: Brad Meryhew, Bev Emery, WCSAP representative, Maureen Saylor, Kecia Rongen, Anmarie Aylward, Jeri Costa, Sheriff Mark Brown, and Lindsay Palmer. The new Sex Offender Registration and Notification Subcommittee was asked to meet before the next Board meeting at least one time and to bring back a workplan that delineates how they plan to proceed, and whether they need more presentations or other resources.

The group asked to meet soon and accepted WASPC Policy Director Joanna Arlow's offer to use the WASPC meeting room in Lacey.

6. Sex Offender's in the Community (See Exhibit C).

Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center presented a proposal related to evaluating options for aiding communities responding to sex offenders. She explained that the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center and WCSAP had decided this is a priority, so they are promoting a pilot approach.

The members discussed how this issue and the housing issues overlap, and decided to create a subcommittee on Sex Offenders in the Community and Housing. Russ Hauge appointed a Subcommittee as follows: Brooke Burbank, Mary Ellen Stone, Anmarie Aylward, Judge Dean Lum, Dr Henry Richards, Russ Hauge, Judge Dean Lum, Brad Meryhew, Andrew Neiditz. The subcommittee asked staff to set up a meeting.

7. Performance Measures – “What Does this Duty Require?”

Jean Soliz-Conklin briefed the Board on the Governor’s Management and Accountability (GMAP) process, using examples from the department of Corrections (DOC) and the Sentencing Guidelines Commission (SGC). Using the duties list described in the legislation (SSB 6596) Members pointed out that the Board has an obligation to develop and report on benchmarks for the Board itself and for the state’s sex offense response system as a whole. They agreed that the development and use of benchmarks may be a multi-year process and that a subcommittee should begin by developing a flow-chart of the whole system for prevention and response. The group should define and map the system and then begin research and data collection, which may include surveying stakeholders. Brad Meryhew pointed out that each subcommittee could help by developing benchmarks for its work, and perhaps for its area of concentration.

Russ Hauge appointed a Subcommittee as follows: Jeri Costa, Bev Emery, Maureen Saylor, Ida Ballasiotes, Russ Hauge, Brad Meryhew, Bernie Ryan, Roxanne Lieb, a WCSAP Representative, and Lindsay Palmer. The subcommittee asked staff to set up a meeting

8. Board Duties and Subcommittees (See Exhibit D).

The Board used the graphic from the July meeting to prioritize its duties. Members decided to wait a while before forming a case review subcommittee, but that the first task would be to establish criteria for acceptance of a request. Ida Ballasiotes noted that the process used in the 2007 Governor’s Sex Offense Task Force was a very good model. The Board also deferred creation of a Juvenile Subcommittee and scheduled a presentation on juvenile sex offenders by Kecia Rongen for the next meeting.

9. Staff Report

a. Staff hiring update. (See Exhibit E).

Jean Soliz-Conklin told the Board that a copy of the Job Announcement was in their packets. She explained that the first review date for applications is August 29th, and the hiring subcommittee will meet on September 2nd to review applications. The plan is to interview candidates on September 9th, but the announcement will remain open in case there is an insufficient pool of applicants. Jean also explained that she was confirming with the Governor’s office that the Governor has signed the permission to create a new exempt position. The request went in before the hiring freeze. Although the freeze does not technically apply to the SGC, the Governor has asked boards and commissions to comply as well. This position would probably be exempted, however, because it is public safety and because the Board will not be able to continue its functions without a professional staff.

10. Meeting Schedule

The Board decided to meet regularly on the third Thursday of the month in the Attorney Generals’ office in Seattle from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

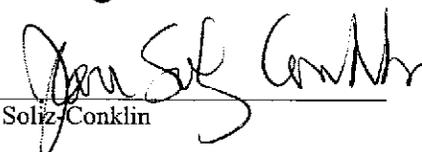
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Russ Hauge, Chair

11/14/08

Date



Jean Soliz-Conklin

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